



## BUSINESS MAN MAKES BIG LOCAL PURCHASES

### Governor To Attend Concert

The Governor and Lady Grantham will attend the Christmas concert to be arranged by the Hong Kong Light Orchestra at the Hong Kong Hotel on Sunday, December 19, at 9 p.m.

Conducted by Mr. William Apps, the Orchestra will present a programme of light music suitable to the Christmas season. The orchestra will be led by Mr. Victor Orloff.

The orchestra will be supported by a number of well-known soloists among whom is Miss Ting Yun-lin (soprano) who will be singing "Canlique de Noel" by Adams and "Lo Henr the Gentle Lark" — Bishop. She will be accompanied by Mrs. Pokrovsky at the piano.

Mr. Victor Orlaff (violinist) will be playing Mendelssohn's "Spring Song" accompanied by George Parks (piano).

The choral choir, by kind permission of Miss C. S. Atkins of St. Stephen's Girls' College, and Father Cooney of Wah Yan will also be featured in the programme. Both the orchestra and the choral choir will be under the direction of Mr. H. V. Ardy, deputy conductor of the Orchestra.

The orchestral and choral concert to be presented on the Sunday before Christmas is made possible by the kindness of the management of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels Ltd. who are lending every assistance to the Hong Kong Light Orchestra to ensure the success of the musical evening.

Part of the programme: Overture "Plique Dame" F. Suppe "Cavatine" O.P. No. 3. Ruff: A choral choir accompanied by the Orchestra.

Spanish March "Ampari Roca Jaime Terol," Sections: "Blitz Sweet" and "Cavalcade" No. 1 Coward. "Stories of the Vienna Forest" Johann Strauss. "Savoy Christmas Medley" arranged by Debroy Summers and Selection "Chu Chin Chow" Frederic Norton.

Presentation of certificates at the Northcote Training College will take place next Monday at 3 p.m.

The certificates will be presented by Mrs. T. R. Rowell, wife of the Director of Education.

Several million dollars worth of Chinese products and foreign goods are being purchased locally by a prominent Indian business magnate who is here on a brief business visit from Calcutta. With one established local firm alone, Mr. R. Jhunjhunwala, proprietor of several modern mills in India, has concluded a deal involving nearly HK\$3,000,000, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

Accompanied by his executive secretary, Mr. K. N. Chaudhury, he will fly home on Friday. He will return early next year on another business trip when he may go North, including Japan.

Hong Kong with its abundant skilled labour has a tremendous future for textiles if local businessmen concentrate on mass production with the most modern machinery," Mr. Jhunjhunwala said yesterday.

Indian alone can absorb the Colony's output by mass production, and trade between the two countries can be firmly developed if factories here are modernised, he asserted.

Mutual commercial interest between India and Hong Kong is increasing, he said, and the Colony will find a ready market there.

The local output of manufactured goods is very impressive, however, but the factories use antiquated machinery, which must be improved.

Just imagine the difficulties of tourists who wish to visit Macao just for a few hours," Mr. Jhunjhunwala declared. The authorities concerned should declare Macao a "free port" to tourists during the week-ends when everybody can go there and return after four or five hours' sight-seeing without having to obtain visas or special permission.

### Smart And Diligent

Labour here is smart and diligent. With opportunities the Chinese can rank among the world's most efficient labourers, he added.

India looks towards Hong Kong for trade for several reasons. Production in India is not sufficient for its teeming millions. Being a sterling centre, Hong Kong provides easy monetary exchanges. A free port and the main springboard of goods from the Chinese mainland, the Colony is a wealth of business for India as rapidly expanding its trade Eastward.

During his brief sojourn here, Mr. Jhunjhunwala has conferred with many local business men, and he said, he found them very interested in Indian trade, especially in gunny bags and cotton.

But Hong Kong has to shake off its conventional lethargy and utilise modern machinery to increase its output to cope with the prospective influx of trade.

As an example of the failure of the Colony's textile production, the visitor pointed out that in India the number of spindles used in each mill ranges from 30,000 to 200,000. The Colony on the whole has only as many as one big modern mill in India, he noted.

Three Dutch vessels arrived here yesterday bringing about 8,500 tons of cargo, 145 mail bags and 1,282 Chinese immigrants from the Straits, Manila and Japan.

The ss. Tjitalengken carried 1,282 passengers, including 176 women and 119 infants. She had 105 mail bags from Singapore, and 380 tons of cargo.

The passengers were mostly Chinese from the Straits and East Indies who are returning to their native villages in Amoy to retire or bury on their forefathers' work.

The ss. Tjikampak, arriving from Shanghai and Japan, brought more than 3,000 tons of cargo and 30 mail bags. She had no passengers. Of her cargo, 2,350 tons were discharged here.

Arriving with only one European passenger and 2,000 tons of cargo from Manila, the ss. Molenkirk reported encountering rough seas en route. She had only one mail bag.

Reuter reported that a ship, capable of accommodating 300 steerage passengers, was available for the Portuguese evacuees at Shanghai and that the vessel will leave for Hong Kong in the third or fourth week of this month.

Transhipment to Macao would be arranged the report further said, but no mention of authorities concerned was made.

HMS Belfast, replacing HMS Sussex on the Far East Station, arrived here yesterday from England.

The cruiser saluted the flag of Rear Admiral A. C. G. Mullen, Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Station, with 13 guns.

HMS London with 13 guns, arrived shortly afterwards from Singapore. She saluted HMS London with 13 guns.

Today His Majesty's ships will be dressed in honour of the King's Birthday and HMS London and HMS Dampier will fire the 21-gun salute at midday.

The visiting American aircraft carrier Tarawa and destroyers Buckley and Hawkins will leave Hong Kong today for Singapore.

HMS Alacrity is also due to leave the Colony today.

Tomorrow HMS Concord is due to arrive here from Singapore.

The soloists will be Jameson Huning, tenor; Margaret Stewart, contralto; W. Houston Bailey, bass, and Doreen Walker, soprano.

The Singers have secured the services of pianists Elizabeth Brown and Caroline Braga to accompany on two pianos. Donald Fraser will conduct the Singers, about 65 in number.

Booking is open at Mouties.

Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans prosecuted.

### Exhibit To Open Earlier

Hong Kong's Exhibition of Chinese Products will be opened by the Governor at 4 p.m. on Thursday, not Saturday as reported yesterday. Special invited guests will be served with cocktails between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. The Exhibition will be held on the site at the corner of Nathan Road and Chatham Road opposite the Peninsula Hotel.

In addition to goods manufactured by local factories, samples of handcraft work produced by inmates of charitable institutions such as the Wo Leung Kuk will also be displayed.

From Friday, the Exhibition will be open daily until January 2 between 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

### Shipping Briefs

More than 900 Chinese evacuees, including 250 children, arrived here by the ms. Hui Lee from Swatow and Amoy yesterday.

The cargo of the vessel included mostly personal effects of the passengers.

Some of the arrivals, it was learned reliably, will be leaving for Canton.

The three-masted steam trawler Georgia arrived here yesterday with 9,600 tons of fuel and diesel oil from Miri, Sarawak.

The vessel reported rough seas en route. She has an all-European crew of 30. She flies the Norwegian flag.

Teakwood and pigs were included in the 4,000-ton cargo brought here yesterday by the Norwegian steamer Pronto from Bangkok via Johor.

She had two mail bags and 50 Chinese passengers aboard.

Admission is free. Tickets may be obtained from the China Fleet Club on Monday at 9 p.m.

Locally well-known artists who will take part in the concert are Miss Caroline Braga (pianoforte), Miss Dorrie Foster (contralto) and Mr. Gaston d'Aquila (tenor).

Admission is free. Tickets may be obtained from the China Fleet Club and Mouties and Company.

The concert will last for one and a half hours. As the first half is being broadcast, ticket holders are to be seated five minutes before the starting time.

The programme:

The first movement of the Greig A minor Pianoforte Concerto.

The Overture to "Die Fledermaus" — Strauss.

Finlandia by Sibelius.

Selections of British Sea Songs arranged by Sir Henry Wood.

HK Singers To Entertain

A concert in aid of St. John's Cathedral Fund will be given by the Hong Kong Singers at St. Stephen's Girls' College, Lyttleton Road, at 9.15 p.m. on December 22.

At their previous concert, the Singers raised £50 which has been forwarded to St. Dunstan's Fund.

The music for the concert on December 22, specially chosen for Christmas-tide, includes Part of the "Messiah", with the "Hallelujah Chorus," and a number of Christmas Carols, including "Holy Night," "Whence is that Goodly Fragrance" and "Christ was born on Christmas Day," to a setting by Terry.

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## Trawler Released By Chinese Customs, Returns To Colony

After nearly 10 weeks of detention by the Chinese Customs at Laf-Sammi (Chinese waters) near Macao, the mechanised deep sea fishing trawler Chung Yu I returned here yesterday. The Chinese Maritime Customs, Hong Kong, told the "China Mail" that the vessel was detained because the master did not have the proper clearances from Shanghai, her original port. The Chung Yu I was released after prolonged negotiations, leading to the master being fined \$1,000, it was learned.

It was learned yesterday that the principals of the ship are making arrangements to despatch another sister vessel to operate with the Chung Yu I in waters South of Hong Kong, from where prior to the incident, the Chung Yu were bringing substantial catches of rare deep sea fish.

The Chung Yu arrived here on June 30 to fish in deep waters about 120 miles South of the Colony. In seven trips the two vessels, operating jointly, brought back about 100,000 catties of deep sea fish, mostly snappers, garoupa, and red fish.

On several occasions during their ventures the vessels were forced back to Hong Kong by typhoon seas, surviving without material damage.

They made a record dash early last August with 22,500 catties of a wide variety after three days' fishing.

Both vessels left for their eighth trip on September 10 to trawl in waters between 80 to 80 fathoms deep 120 miles South. A week later the company received a radio message saying that they were returning with 15,000 catties of fish. No mention was made about any incident.

On the following day the Chung Yu I arrived at Kennedy Town with the news of the disappearance of her sister ship, which was forced away from her by rough waves en route.

The missing vessel had 7,500 catties of fish aboard. She had a crew of 10 trained Northerners headed by Mr. S. K. Wang.

The crew of the trawlers are veteran Shanghai fishermen who had learned their job from as young as 15 years.

Each vessel is estimated to cost about HK\$100,000. The Chung Yu I is equipped with wireless receiving and transmitting apparatus, and radio telephone. She acted as the mother ship during fishing operations.

### HAS A CELL TO KEEP HIM WARM

Without any visible means of livelihood and unable to keep warm without a blanket, a 35-year-old man, Ng Shiu-wa, took two newspaper packages from the top of a Government mail box to use as substitute covering for the winter night.

That was the story he told Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, at Kowloon, yesterday as he faced the charge of larceny of postal packages.

Arrested at 6.20 a.m. on Sunday at the staircase landing of 24 Tam Kung Road, Kowloon City, he admitted having taken the packages from the top of the mail box in front of 412 Prince Edward Road.

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Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans prosecuted.

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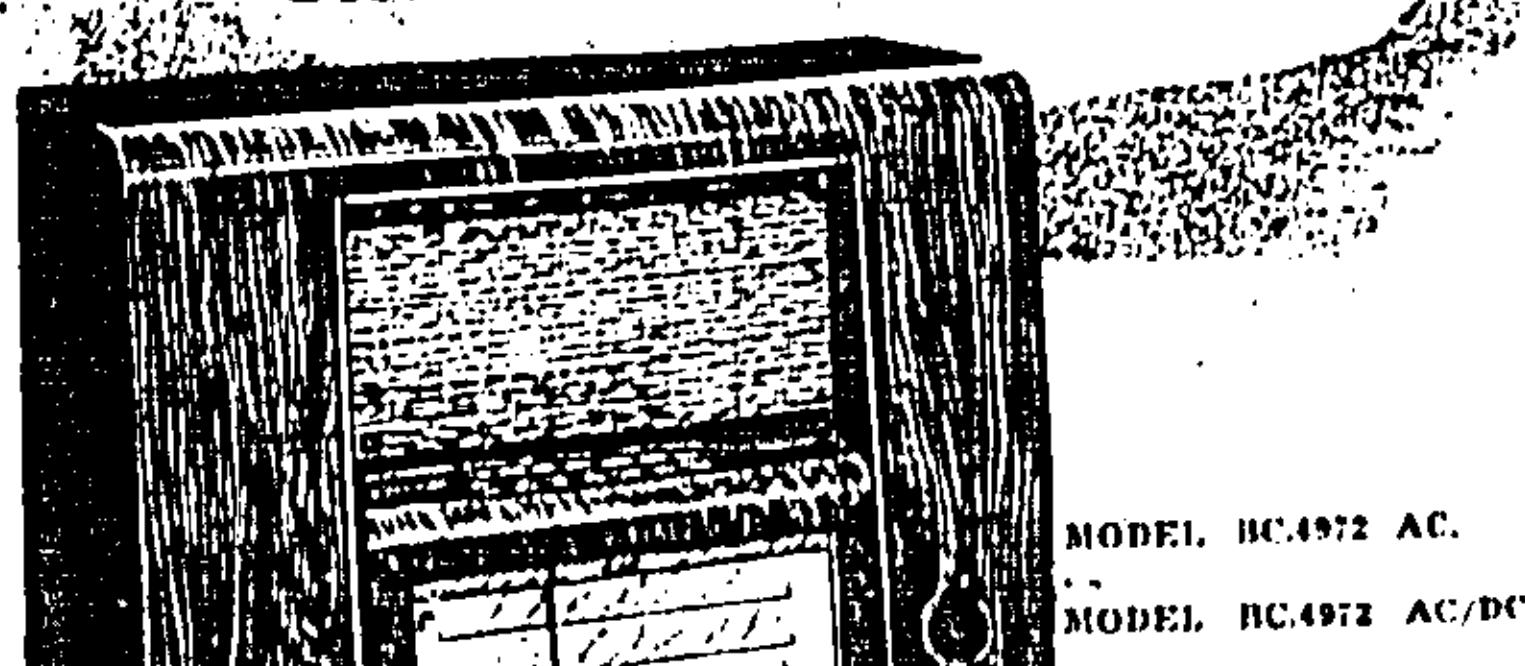
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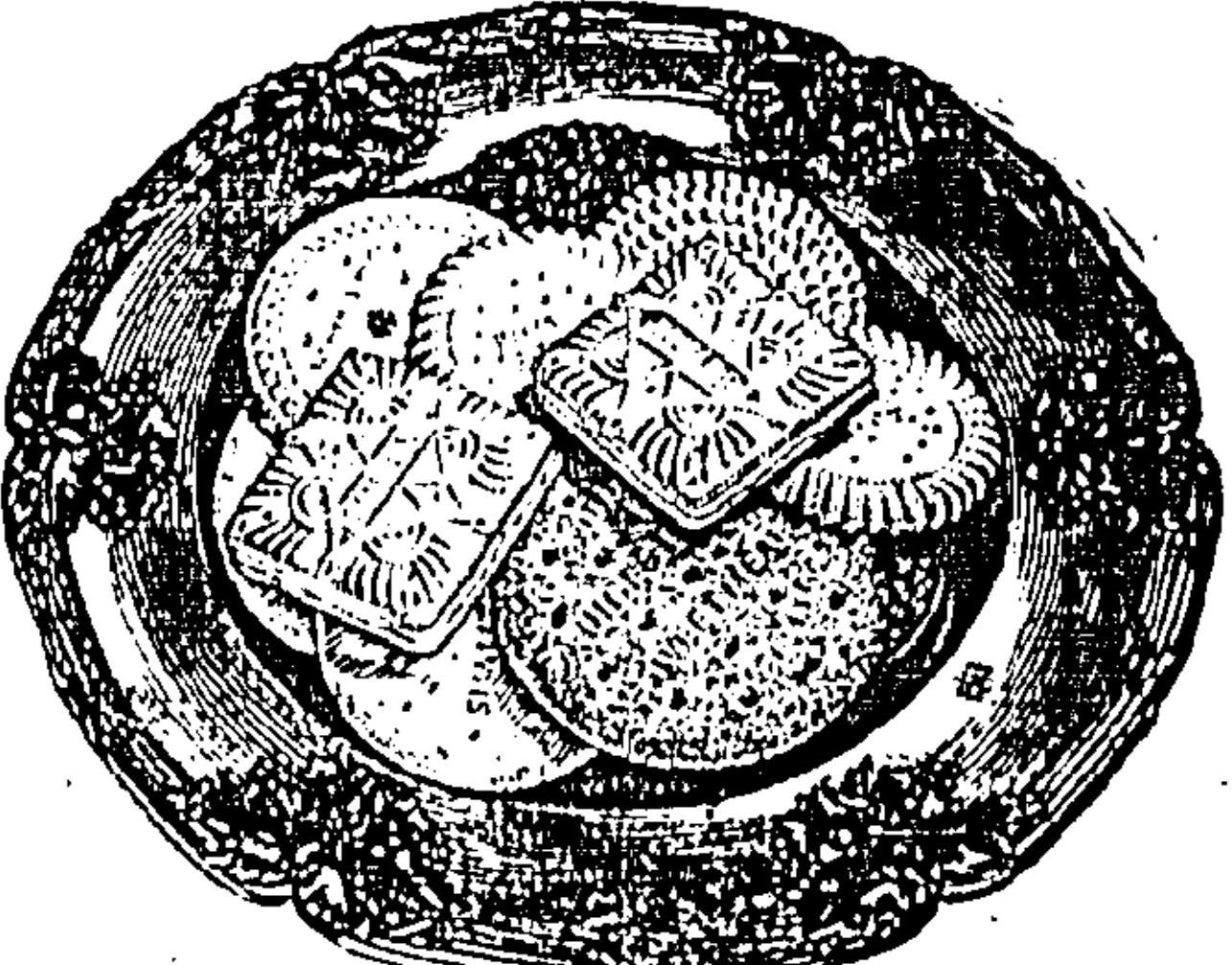


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## Reminders

### Today

H.K. Social Welfare Council, annual general meeting, PRO Lecture Room, 5.15 p.m.  
Eastern Asia Navigation Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, King's Bldg., 11 a.m.  
Kowloon Junior School, prize giving, in King George V School, 5.30 p.m.  
H.K. Football Association Council meeting, Prince's Bldg., 5.15 p.m.  
H.K. Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "The Police Service" by Police Commissioner, D. W. MacIntosh, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.  
H.K. Club, extraordinary meeting, at Club House, 5.30 p.m., Bridge Drive, Europe YMCA, 8 p.m.

### Coming Events

TOMORROW

Toe II Club meeting at Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Exhibition of Paintings by Yen Bon, Lee Yiping and Lui Chan, Hotel Cecil, 10 a.m.

Chinese Products Exhibition, opening by the Governor, opposite Peninsula Hotel, 4 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.  
Y.M.C.A. Men's Club of Hong Kong, Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

St. Thomas More Association Choral & Orchestral Concert in aid of Home for Aged, China Fleet Club.

St. Thomas More Association lecture on "The Apostleship of the Sea" by the Rev. Fr. M.C. Kelly, at Catholic Club, King's Bldg., 5.30 p.m.

### FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

Food and fuel costs, released by the Labour Office, for the week ended Decem-

ber 11 follow:

Blew and Flour	1.2 catties HK\$14.700	
Vegetables	1.9	1.30
Balt. Gabage	2	1.60
Tea	1.5	1.50
Balt. Fish	3	.6000
Fish	4	1.0161
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Pineapple	10.0	.8200
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Total		HK\$12.0161

A strong criticism of the "disgraceful way in which Ordinances are passed" was made by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday during the hearing of the charge of maintaining and using a radio-communication station preferred against Fung Ming.

Mr. Russ submitted that, according to the wording of the Ordinance, the licence possessed by his client for the possession of a radio set covers the possession of the wireless receiving set found by Wireless Inspector D. B. L. Grew on the premises.

On Mr. Grew stating that a different licence is needed for the possession and operation of such a set, Mr. Russ said that it was disgraceful the way the Ordinances were passed. The wordings stated one thing, while the experts concerned gave a different interpretation.

After hearing Mr. Grew's evidence, the court held that the case was different from the usual run of cases where the defendant has been found in front of a telephone or wireless set and taking down or transmitting a message.

Defendant, said the bench, was only found in front of a telephone with the wireless set hidden away. It was admitted by the prosecution that the set was not being used at the time of the raid.

Accused was discharged, and warned that if he was found in possession of the set again he would be convicted.

According to Mr. Grew, the premises at 205 Lai Chi Kok Road first floor, was raided at 3 p.m. on December 3. When the door was opened, three women were found inside the doorway. Defendant was seen sitting in front of a telephone, near which was a batch of messages and a Chinese code book.

### Receiving Messages

Accused at first claimed to be a broker, but later admitted that he was in fact receiving messages over the telephone for forwarding by telephone to an unknown radiocommunication station. Defendant stated that he did not know the telephone number of that station, and that they would telephone to him every little while and he would pass on any message he might have received.

This claim, said Mr. Grew, was substantiated by the two messages which the police took down while they were on the premises. There



The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, is seen attending the celebrations to mark the centenary of the establishment of the French convent in Hong Kong. With him is the French Consul General.—"China Mail" Photo.

## CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

### No Small Change

Sir.—May I be permitted to use a little space of your precious column to bring to the attention of the Postmaster General the following complaint.

Some time last week I dropped into the Central Post Office, Kowloon, and asked the counter-clerk for an Air Letter form, for which I tendered a dollar bill. I was asked if I had some small change to which I replied to the negative.

This morning the same thing happened to me when I strode up to the same clerk. Twice I had to get my requirements at the General Post Office. What kind of clerks do we have here? Had he been busy both times I would understand, but he was just sitting behind the counter doing almost nothing. Either the Central Post Office is running short of small change or ten cent notes are too precious to be handled out. I experienced this in convenience twice, when I did not have 46 cents on hand. I have heard many people complain of this inconvenience caused them.

I hope, in future, the counter-clerks at the Central Post Office will be well supplied with the required amount of ten cent notes.

### AIR LETTER

### Equality And Justice

Sir.—A Mr. J. Tong's out-spoken correspondence re "Wanchai Accident" has aroused my interest in writing on another topic concerning the notorious disrespect of the Yau Ma Tei Vehicular Ferry Co. for the dead persons who are transported in coffins on board their steamers across the harbour.

It seems rather illogical in that the fare chargeable for a lorry carrying a coffin is \$30 per trip (15 minutes); that for a single vacant lorry is \$5; that for a coffin alone is \$20, however small its size may be; whilst that for a private motor car with its driver is only \$2.20, or so. Apparently, the Ferry Co. on monopoly cannot be relieved from censure, unless very sound reasons are given to the contrary, that they are taking advantage of the exigencies of the dead person's survivors, or relatives managing the funeral, by demanding such a discriminatory charge against them. In the case of a poor family, this heavy surcharge is hard enough for them to meet after having to raise funds for buying the coffin and paying the sundry expenses. The

money thus paid out must be wet with tears! Is it not shameful to exploit a man or woman who is in bitter grief?

Secondly, if the dead body in coffin is not conveyed aboard the vehicular ferry, then it has to be shipped by a junk, provided for that purpose by the Sanitary Department, where coffins are lodged one upon the other like logs, whenever there are some more to come. The junk does not sail off at any moment on request beyond its specified time. Well, on disembarkation on the opposite side of the harbour, each coffin is to be brought ashore, being very roughly handled by those indifferent undertakers who fasten it by rope once around the middle, and two fellows carry it away to the cemetery on a pole.

I am writing this letter, not on humanitarian grounds alone, but with the conviction that equity and justice cry out for a realistic approach to the question. I understand some pent-up indignation exists in the mind of many people here in "Heartless Hong Kong."

Yours faithfully,

W. C. P.

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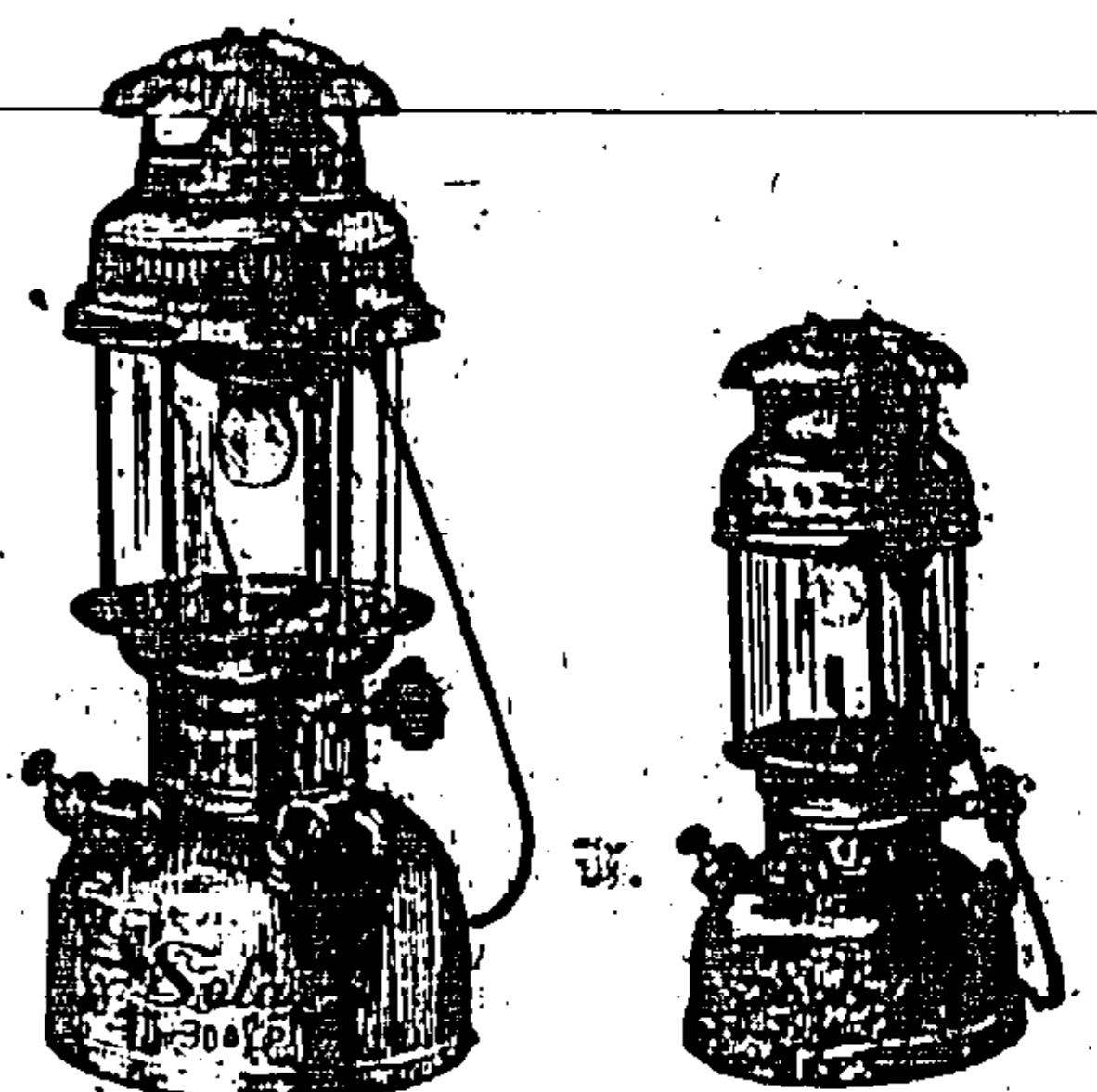
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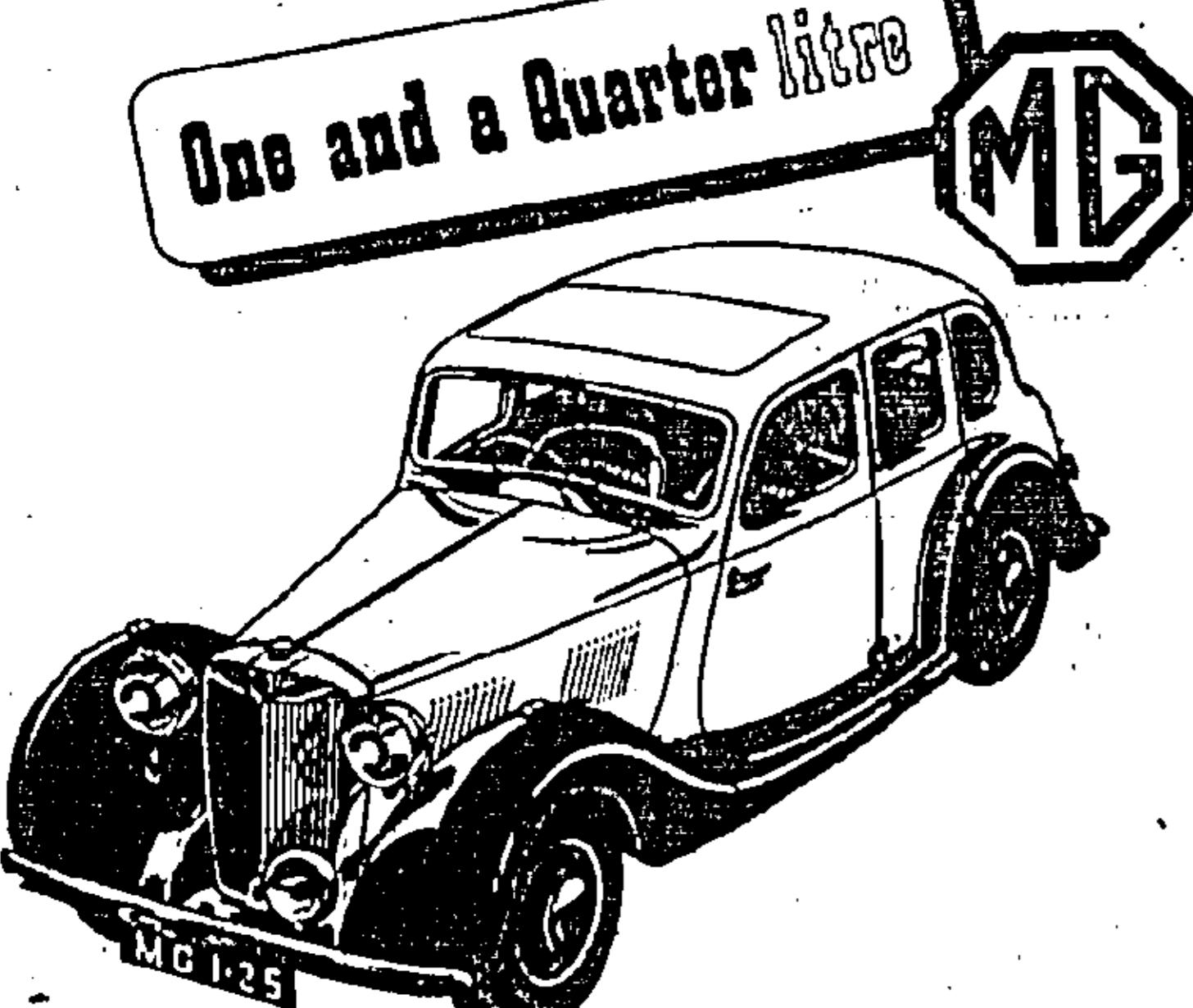
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It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate will be received at the Office of Custodian of Property, 2nd Floor—Colonial Secretariat, until noon on Wednesday, December 22, 1948, for the hire of a wharf known as the Custodian's Wharf (formerly Osaka Shosen Kaiisha), situated on the water front off Connaught Road, Central, Hong Kong.

Tenders should be clearly marked "Tender for hire of Custodian's Wharf".

The tenancy will be on a month to month basis commencing on January 1, 1949.

If any tenderer requires further particulars he may apply to the Custodian of Property (Tel: 30268).

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This will then be followed immediately by THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to receive a report of the Year under review from the outgoing President, and to elect the following:

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R. A. de Rome,  
Hon. Secretary.

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Applications for Tender Forms and Orders to view will be made to CRAOC HQ Land Forces, Queen's Road East.

Dates for closing of Tenders 12 o'clock December 21, 1948.

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By Order of the Board of Directors.

GEORGE MCBAIN,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1948.

(Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances, Hongkong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifteenth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above-named Company will be held at the Board Room, South China Morning Post Building, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 30th December, 1948, at 12 noon for the following purposes.

1. To receive and consider the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31st December, 1947.

2. To elect a Director.

3. To elect Auditors.

4. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

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## WHY CROSS THE HARBOUR?

### K.R.A. GETS ACTION

During the past month Kowloonites have every reason to be proud of the achievements of some of the mainland's residents and institutions.

First and foremost is the excellent work being done by the Committee of the Kowloon Residents Association, under Mr. F. C. Clemo, in getting Government to loosen up its purse strings sufficiently to get some essential work started.

By dint of hard work and unceasing pounding, the K.R.A. succeeded in having some of the children's playgrounds rehabilitated. Street lighting has improved considerably, thereby making the roads safer in the nights both for motorists and pedestrians.

A few of the side streets have actually been re-surfaced. These streets, such as Cheung Lok Street, Nanking Street, Tuk Shing Terrace, and Austin Road, have, for the past three years, been regular traps for the unwary driver and pedestrian.

Telling of Government: the promotion of Mr. J. Wicks from Second Magistrate to Additional Judge, on November 29, is considered by the majority of Kowloon residents as not only a signal honour for Mr. Justice Wicks but also for the Kowloon community.

Mr. Wicks, the fifth Government official posted to Kowloon to be promoted during the past two years, in the middle of 1947, Detective—Inspector W. W. Williamson was appointed Chief Detective Inspector. When he went on leave, Detective-Inspector J. M. Forrest, then attached to Yau Ma Tei, was nominated as his deputy.

On Mr. A. H. Elston's departure on Home leave, L. R. Whitt, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence (Kowloon) was promoted to the substantive rank of Director of Criminal Intelligence. His place was taken by another Kowloon man, Mr. Charles Mottram.

On July 8 last, Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, Second Police Magistrate, was transferred to the Law Office as Assistant Crown Solicitor. He has now returned to the Kowloon Courts to deputise for Mr. Justice Wicks.

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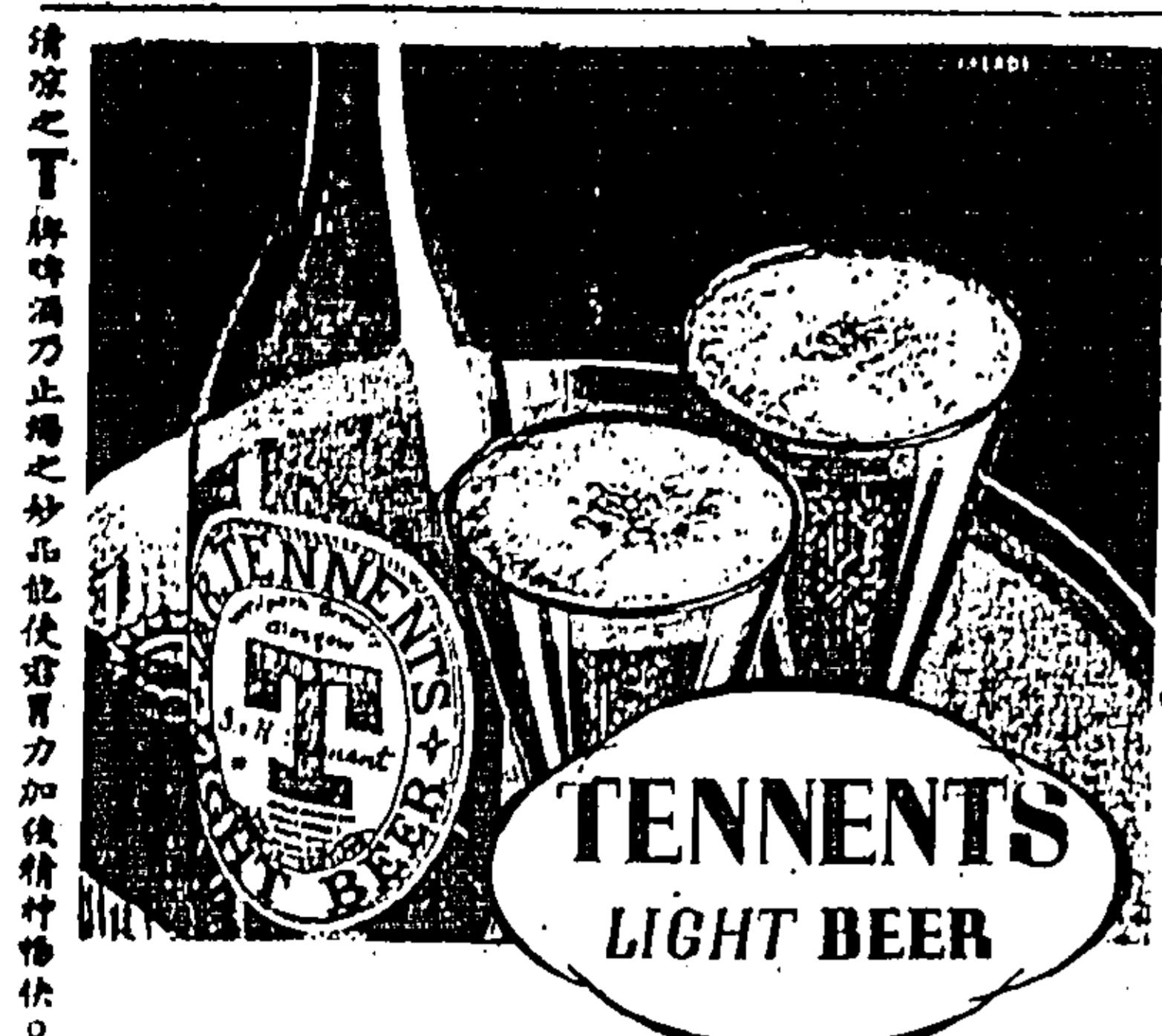
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## New Spy Laws Urged For U.S.

Washington, December 12.

A House of Representatives spy-hunter today urged the new Congress to overhaul espionage laws to cope with fifth column activities such as the alleged Communist spy ring disclosed by Whittaker Chambers.

Representative Richard Nixon made the suggestion even as a group of House Democrats announced an all-out drive to wipe out the House Un-American Activities Committee in favour of a joint Senate-House Civil Rights Committee.

The leader of the group, Representative Walter Huber, told the United Press he would introduce legislation to set up a new civil rights group on January 3, the first day of the new Congress.

He said the new Committee, if created, would take over the work of the Un-American Activities Committee. He added that he hoped to have President Truman's support.

### On A Tangent

Representative Huber conceded that the Committee "may have hit pay dirt" in airing Chambers' charges that Alger Hiss, former State Department policy-maker, and two other former Government officials gave several hundred confidential documents to forward to the Kremlin in 1937-38. But if so, he added, it would be the first time.

"They may go off on a tangent two months from now and smear a lot of innocent people," said Representative Huber. "I personally think there should be a new Committee, regardless."

Although Hiss denied Chambers' charges and filed a US\$75,000 slander suit against him the Committee last night made public 21 stolen documents which included one diplomatic summary allegedly in Hiss' handwriting. In view of the Committee's action, Hiss immediately issued a new statement in New York, again denying Chambers' charges.

He declared: "I did not, at any time, deliver official documents or information to Mr. Chambers or to any unauthorized persons."

### Laws Inadequate

Supporting his demand for revision of the espionage laws, Mr. Nixon pointed to other present

laws based on an obsolete 1917 statute. He said that law was based on the belief that espionage was handled by spies working for pay.

"It did not take into account fifth column activities such as those we are now investigating."

Representative Nixon said even if the New York Federal Grand Jury investigating the Chambers-Hiss affair should find evidence to back up Chambers' charges, it would be difficult to obtain convictions under present espionage laws.

"The laws were designed for the time when Germany had German spies and the Japanese had Japanese spies, and not when the Russians had American Communists doing their spying,"—Associated Press.

It was officially indicated today that once the Atlantic Pact, now under discussion in Washington, had been concluded, the Western powers expected to turn their attention to a Mediterranean defence treaty.

## MEDITERRANEAN PACT LIKELY TO BE NEXT

London, December 12.

The first public description of Princess Elizabeth's son was given tonight by Countess Granville, wife of the Earl of Granville, Governor of Northern Ireland, and sister of Queen Elizabeth. She said: "He couldn't be more angelic looking," and added that the baby was golden-haired with a most beautiful complexion, and had "amazingly delicate features for so young a baby."—Reuter.

### GIANT MERGER OF U.S. AIRLINES

New York, December 13.

Plans for the largest merger in American commercial aviation history—joining American Overseas Airlines with Pan American Airways—were announced yesterday.

The companies said jointly they had agreed to the consolidation of American overseas routes with trans-Atlantic services of Pan American, subject to approval by the Civil Aeronautics Board and stockholders, because of slow revival of trade with Europe.—Associated Press.

Italy would play a large part in the new pact, it is believed, and the suggestion is that negotiations might well take into account the settlement of the fate of the former Italian colonies in North Africa. These include vitally strategic air and sea bases like the naval harbour of Tobruk, the port of Tripoli and the group of airfields stretching along the Tripolitanian-Libyan coastal strip.

Nothing as yet has been outlined as the framework for the Mediterranean pact as all energies at present are concentrated on the Atlantic treaty. The discussions in Washington are ex-

pected to go ahead for at least another fortnight before any decision will be made regarding invitations to be handed out to the various foundation members who are expected to join the Atlantic accord.

### Congress Agreement

An authoritative source pointed out the various stages through which the Atlantic pact would progress until the plenary conference of the signatory powers, expected next February.

After present conversations conclude, the next phase will be discussions to ensure that conditions of the accord do not run counter to bipartisan policy and that Congress is in full agreement with the precise commitments to which the United States will pledge herself.

Having obtained Congressional approval of the terms of the draft treaty, invitations will then be sent to the Brussels treaty powers and possibly also to Portugal, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. If all powers accept, there will be 11 nations represented at the conference table: America, Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland, Portugal, Norway, Denmark and Sweden. Acceptance by Sweden is considered doubtful.

### Spanish Question

Two European nations which have shown eagerness to come into the anti-Communist bloc are Spain and Italy. As Mr. Winston Churchill announced in the House of Commons' foreign affairs debate, British Conservatives are anxious to see normal relations restored with Franco Spain. That obviously would be the forerunner to inclusion of Spain in any future defence pact.

Official sources agree Spain would be a useful addition to the Atlantic defence bloc, but they point to the fact that the British Labour Government has pledged itself repeatedly not to collaborate with Franco. Inclusion of Italy in the Brussels treaty is unlikely, it was declared, because she would not fit into the military plan now being hammered out for defence in the West. This envisages joint action by the Brussels powers to defend the area between the Rhine and the English Channel, a sphere of action in which Italy could not be expected to play a part because of her geographical position.

As there will be a gap in the global defence system in the strategically-important Mediterranean area, it was decided a Mediterranean pact would be an inevitable corollary to the Atlantic accord.

### P.I. AMBASSADOR MAY RESIGN

Manila, December 13.

The Philippine Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Joaquin Elizalde, indicated that he might quit the Ambassadorship some time next spring, but emphasised, "There is nothing definite about my plans although obviously I cannot remain in Washington for the rest of my life."

Mr. Elizalde said he was leaving for Washington to resume his post on December 26. He will stay over for three or four days.

Took leave of conference with General MacArthur.

The Ambassador said President Quirino was planning to visit the United States some time in the spring and stressed that he would be unable to leave his post before then. After the President's trip, however, the final decision on his resignation may be made.

It was learned Mr. Elizalde already had told the President he was unable to remain much longer in Government service because his extensive business interests required his personal attention.

He would have resigned long ago, but he was prevailed upon by the late President Manuel Roxas to remain in Washington.—United Press.



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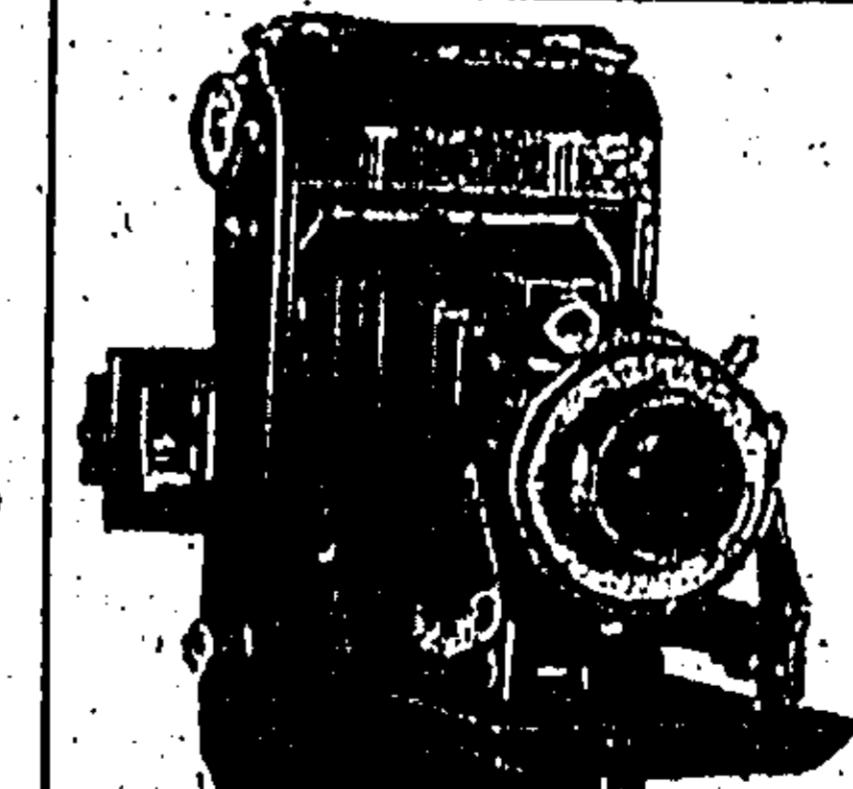
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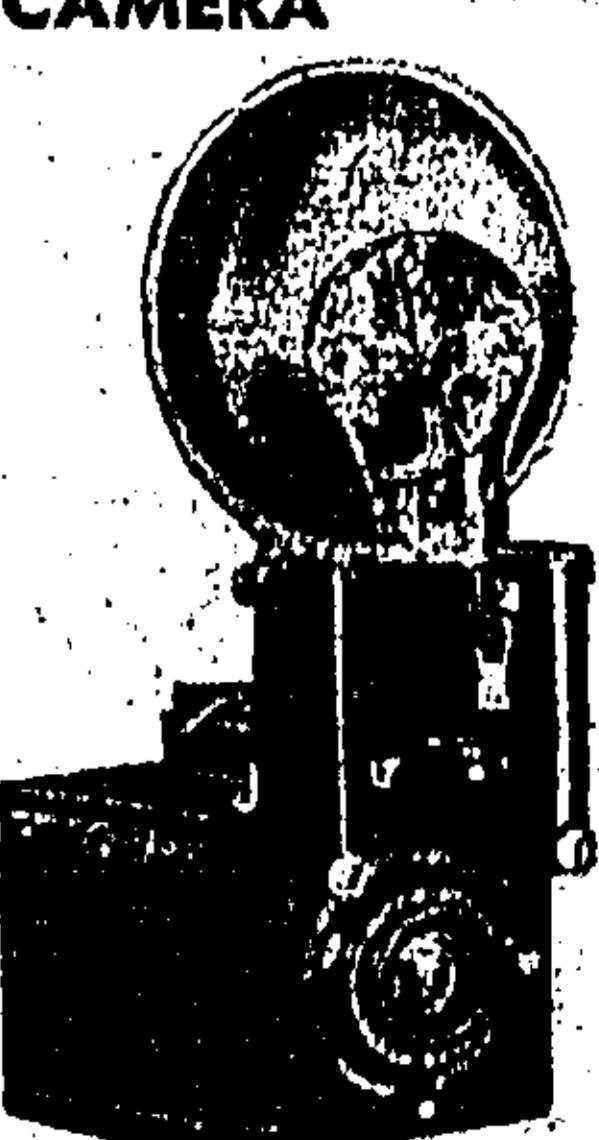
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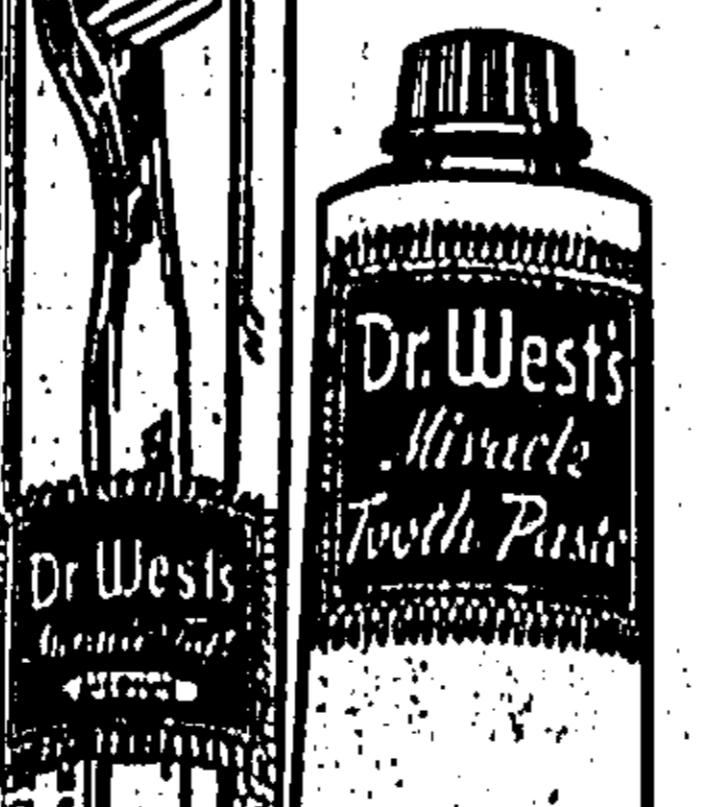
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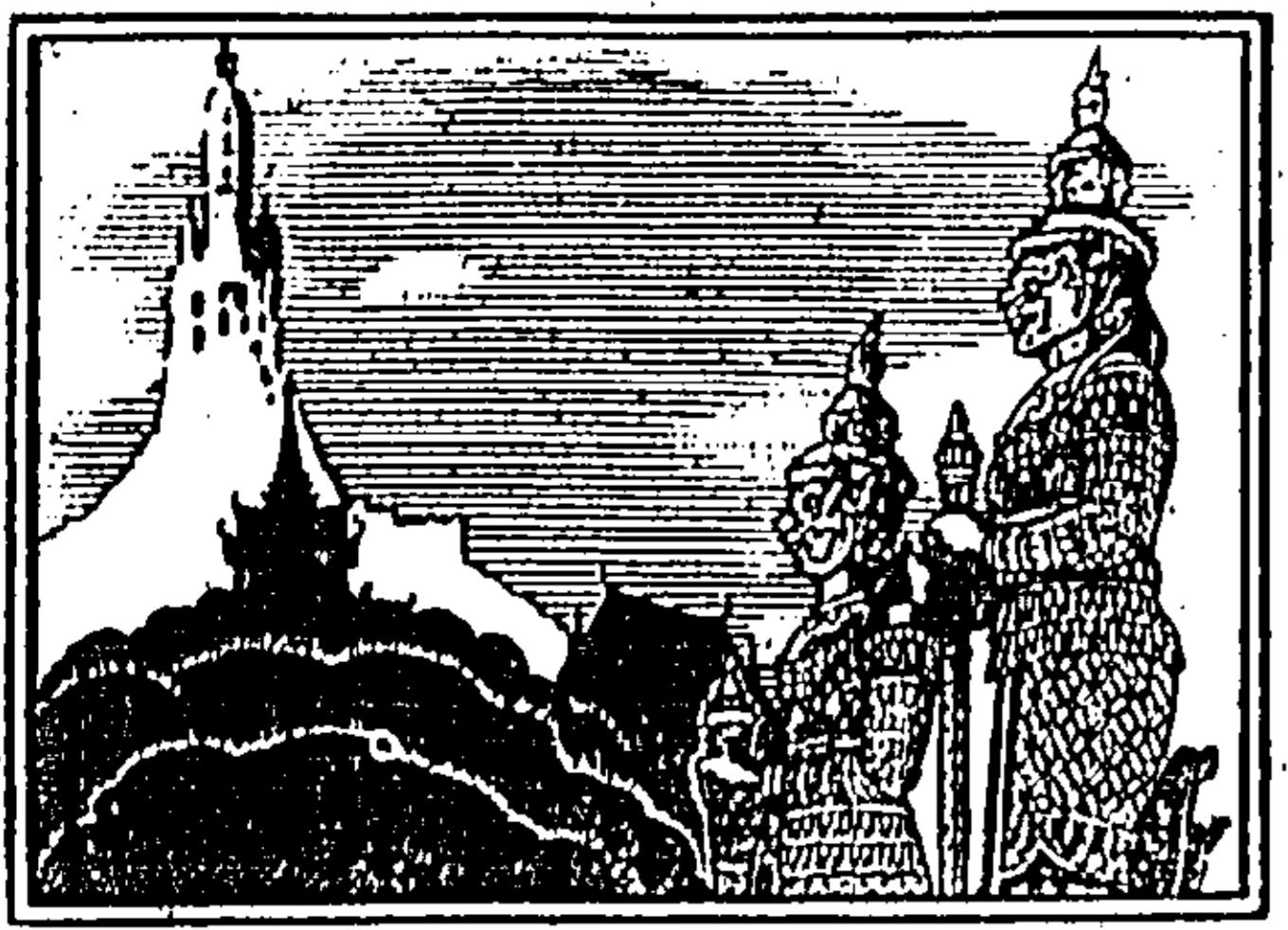
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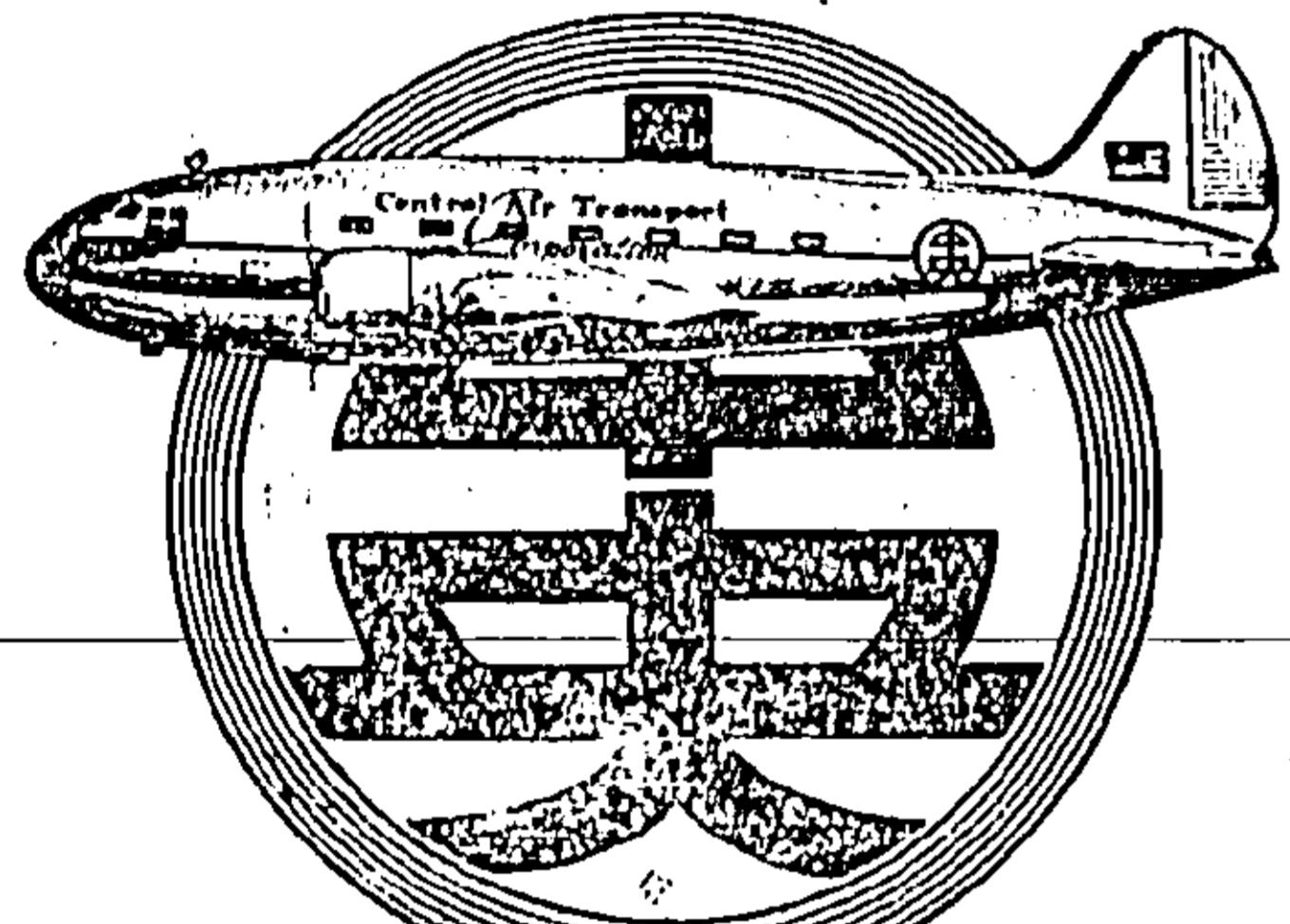
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Much has been said about the "heartlessness" and lack of public spirit of the people of Hong Kong. One criticism, however, cannot be levelled at those whose origin is in the British Isles: well fed they may be, but they do not forget their friends and relatives in the austerity-ridden homeland, hundreds of whom are now looking forward to a brighter Christmas because of parcels sent from here.

Apart from known individuals, large numbers of lonely, poor and aged people in Britain are this month returning thanks for the kindness of unknown benefactors in Hong Kong. During the past 12 months, the local Food Parcels to Britain Fund has sent 361,404 lbs of parcels containing such dainties as

the recipients have not known for many a year. When the ss. Canton left for home six weeks ago, she was packed with eatables from both public organisations and private persons.

This is not a great food-producing area, but the parts of the Empire which are, have, since the war, increased their shipments to the Motherland—now a soft currency centre which can supply only a fraction of its friends' needs in the way of manufactures. And this in an age of loosening (legal) ties in the Empire and pressure by the newly-important powers. A report by the Commonwealth Economic Committee released over the week-end disclosed that Britain is leaning more heavily than ever on the Dominions and Colonies for her meat imports. They furnished one half of the United Kingdom's reduced quota of all meat in 1947, compared with two-fifths before the war.

Such figures are heartening, especially to the fanatics who say the home country should depend entirely on the Empire—an unworkable suggestion, however much others of us agree with it in principle. Argentina last year was still Britain's largest supplier of beef, and looks like being so far at least another decade. Not that the proud but independent British have much love for the iron dictatorship of Senator Peron or his entrenched landed barons, who only last year were able to wrest from the unprincipled "ownership" of the Labour Party the Argentine state railways, built by British capital and engineering skill, for another few months' supply of beef.

An official comment from Buenos Aires before these negotiations were completed was reported round the world: "Let them starve for a bit, and they will soon come to terms." In February the hard-won meat contract expires, and it is again rumoured that blackmail tactics are to be used by the South American republic. Sir Stafford Cripps said at the week-end that Britain will not have its hand forced again; let us hope that it will not be. Peron and company are already feeling the draught of falling maize prices, and his vast surplus of fresh beef could not be transported without Britain's fleet of refrigerator ships, the largest in the world. Let Cripps say to Peron: we will do business with you, but this time, not as beggars.

All this I well understand, and could explain the matter to myself in spite of my indignation at the act. I felt that Patton should be saved for service in the great battles still facing us in Europe, yet I had to devise ways and means to minimise the harm that would certainly come from his impulsive action and to assure myself that it would not be repeated. I was then working "internally" on plans for the invasion of Italy, and could not go immediately to Sicily. In these circumstances I sent to Sicily

# CRUSADE IN EUROPE

## Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Own Story Of The War In Europe

was the assumption that censorship was applied. On the contrary, my staff and General Patton were told that under no circumstances was there to be any effort to suppress the story. These specific instructions, which I issued personally to a group of newspapermen, covered "indirect pressure" as well as direct censorship. They were flatly told to use their own judgment! That they voluntarily refused to write or speak about the matter is proved by the fact that two of the press representatives who made a detailed report to me of the affair returned to the United States within a few days after the occurrence. They were no longer under the direct or indirect influence of Allied Headquarters. They were George Best and Quentin Reynolds.



all of whom were ready to pounce upon the first signs of de-escalation and to take over the Italian nation in name as well as in fact. But in spite of German watchfulness the Italian Government attempted to reach us by sending an agent to Lisbon. I sent there two of my most trusted staff officers, my chief of staff, General Smith, and my intelligence officer, Brigadier General Kenneth Strong, to act as emissaries in arranging for the unconditional surrender of the Italian forces.

Then began a series of negotiations, secret communications, clandestine journeys by secret agents, and frequent meetings in hidden places that, if encountered in the fictional world, would have been scored as incredible melodrama. Plots of various kinds were hatched only to be abandoned because of changing circumstances. One of these plots involved the landing of a large airborne force in the vicinity of Rome. At the last moment either the flight of the Italian Government or the movement of German reserves as alleged by the Italians I have never known which—forced the cancellation of the project. But in the meantime Brigadier General Maxwell D. Taylor, later the Italian commander of the 101st Airborne Division, had been hurried secretly to Rome, where his personal adventures and those of his companion added another adventurous chapter to the whole thrilling story. The risks he ran were greater than I asked any other agent or emissary to undertake during the war—he carried weighily responsibilities and discharged them with unerring judgment, and every minute was in imminent danger of discovery and death.

The Italians wanted frantically to surrender. However, they wanted to do so only with the assurance that such a powerful Allied force would land on the mainland simultaneously with their surrender that the Government itself and their elites would enjoy complete protection from the German forces. Consequently they tried to obtain every detail of our plans. These we would not reveal because the possibility of treachery could never be excluded. Moreover, to the speed with which newspapermen acted, in dealing with them we plainly had to be right the first time.

After the incident was all over my old friend George sent me a long letter in which the following appeared: "I am at a loss to find words with which to express my anguish and grief at having given you, a man to whom I owe everything and for whom I would gladly lay down my life, cause to be displeased with me."

The results of the Sicilian campaign were more far-reaching than the mere capture of the enemy garrison. As already noted, the bombastic Mussolini was thrown out. Evidence of unrest and dissatisfaction throughout the Italian nation became more and more pronounced and it was obvious that Italy was seeking the easiest way out of the war. Mussolini's place as Premier was taken by Field Marshal Pietro Badoglio. The initial pronouncements of the latter indicated his Government's purpose to continue in the war, but it was clear that this statement was made merely in the hope of placating the Germans and giving the Italians a chance to escape punishment from their arrogant ally.

The Italian hope of independently negotiating a surrender was slim indeed, because throughout the Italian Governmental structure Mussolini had permitted or had forced to accept the infiltration of countless Germans,

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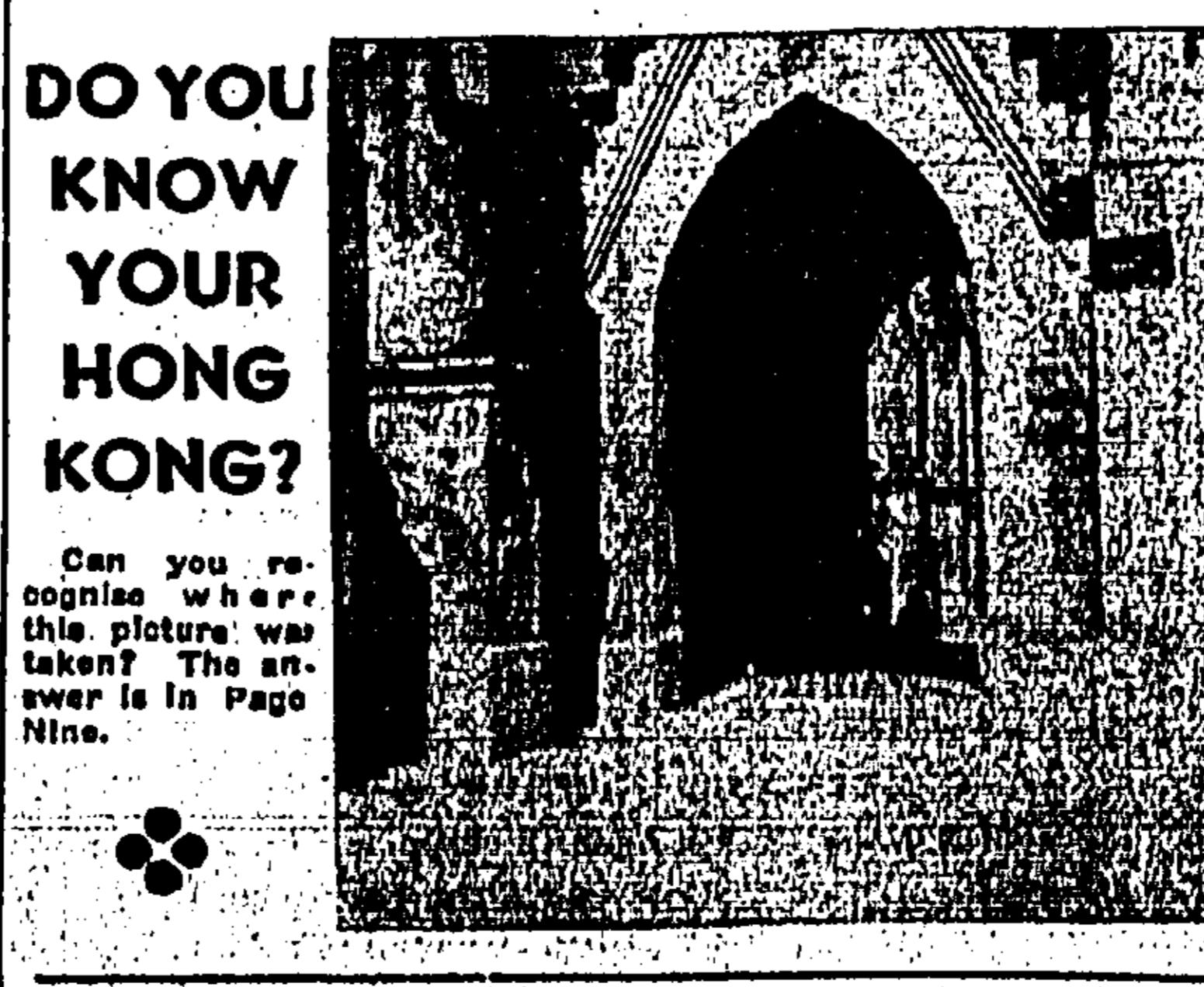
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# UN CONCLUDES SESSION WITH KOREAN DECISION PERMANENT COMMISSION VOTED

Paris, December 12.

The United Nations General Assembly by an overwhelming vote today decided to set up a Permanent Commission for Korea.

The voting came after a series of speeches from the Soviet countries, voicing bitter opposition to the whole project. Forty-eight nations voted in favour, the six Soviet countries against, and Sweden abstained.

The resolution advocated a Permanent Commission to replace the former temporary one, with a mandate to work for the unification of Korea and encourage the withdrawal of Allied troops.

Soviet Russia, the Ukraine, Byelorussia and Yugoslavia opposed the resolution. The Soviet delegation then asked to have its own resolution voted, calling on the United Nations to abolish the Korea Commission. This was defeated by a vote of 46 against six in favour and no abstention.

In the course of the debate, Mr. J. Plimsoll (Australia) said that the independence of Korea has been one of the Allied war aims and he regretted that the United Nations' agents had been refused access to Northern Korea, with the result that little was known about conditions in that part of the country.

## Independent Aim

He described the elections in the South as free and democratic and saying that the present division was completely unjustified, he pleaded for increasing contact between the North and the South, with the ultimate aim of giving independence to the whole of Korea.

Mr. D. Mifare (Canada) congratulated the United Nations Commission on helping people in the South to attain independence and regretted that this had not been possible in the North. Suggesting that membership of the Commission might be decreased from nine to seven, Mr. Mifare introduced an amendment that the Commission should consist of Australia, China, El Salvador, France, India, the Philippines and Syria. This would leave out the Ukraine, which had never participated in the old commission, and Canada herself.

Mr. Jacob Malik (Soviet Union) said the Korean question was important for achieving a satisfactory post-war settlement in the world.

He said the United States had chosen to support the extreme rightist elements in the South, prevented people there from attaining independence and had wrecked the agreement on Korea. He called for an immediate withdrawal of American troops and accused the United States of using the authority of the United Nations to camouflage its aims.

At the League of Nations had been asked to sanction the Nazi-held elections in the South some 13 years ago, he said, the United Nations was now expected to approve the elections in South Korea, which had been conducted by the same kind of police methods.

The vote was then taken and this completed the work of the General Assembly at this half of the session.

## Tribute To Evatt

In a valedictory speech, Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General, said: "I wish to say a word of admiration and thanks to the President, Dr. Herbert Evatt, for the great ability, forthright courage and complete devotion to the United Nations, with which he has conducted the work of the General Assembly. Without his fighting leadership, the General Assembly would have completed far less of its work. The Secretariat and I are looking forward to

## UN Action Called "Historic Decision"

Paris, December 13.

Korea's delegation will meet on Monday to decide when to make its application for United Nations membership, a high delegation source said on Sunday night.

Dr. John M. Chang, head of the Korean Republican delega-

tion sent here last September to seek recognition, described as an historic decision the General Assembly's vote endorsing his Government.

"Our delegates and the entire Korean nation are overwhelmed," Dr. Chang said in a statement. He expressed hope for further favourable action to give the Republic UN membership at the earliest possible time.

Dr. Chough Pyung Ok, delegation counsellor, told a reporter the decision on when to make an application would be made on Monday in consultation with the United States and other friendly powers.

American delegate Mr. John Foster Dulles was among those congratulating the Koreans after the vote.

Both leaders of the delegation expressed heartfelt gratitude for the support of the U.S., Australia, Canada and other countries against what they called filibustering tactics by the Russian bloc.

Dr. Chang assured all friendly nations that Korea will never surrender to Communism or totalitarianism and expressed hope for early widespread re-organisation of his Government by democratic means.

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## Prime Minister On The Mat

Tokyo, December 12. The Prime Minister, Mr. Yoshida, was summoned today before the Diet Investigation Committee here following charges by a Social Democrat, Mr. Shizue Kato, that he had accepted a 1,000,000 yen bribe in what is known as the Commerce and Industry Ministry textile scandal.

Mr. Yoshida acknowledged receipt of the money, which was used as party funds. He (Mr. Yoshida) is expected to be summoned before the Committee again tomorrow.—Reuter.

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Quietly and without any of the enthusiasm which has been present at former Assemblies, the delegates mingled for a moment, shaking hands, and then gradually the great Assembly hall emptied.

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## ISRAEL CONFIDENT OF PEACE TALKS SUCCESS

Tel Aviv, December 12.

Israeli Government quarters in Tel Aviv were confident tonight that a settlement was possible between the Jews and King Abdullah of Trans-jordan.

It was understood in these quarters that some progress had been made in the past few days in the Jewish-Arab peace talks. The negotiations with Trans-jordan were believed to be the further advanced.

Transjordan and The Lebanon have already accepted the United Nations' call for Palestine armistice conditions. Iraq was unofficially reported here to be considering doing the same.

An Israeli spokesman said in Tel Aviv tonight that the Jewish commander in the Jerusalem area, Lieutenant Colonel Moshe Dayan, had today told the Arab commander, Lieutenant Colonel Abdullah El Tel, that any future talks should aim at an armistice and later a permanent peace.

## Wedge In League

Colonel Abdullah El Tel was reported to have replied that he was referring the matter back to the Transjordan Government. This was the fourth meeting in Jerusalem of Jews and Arabs sponsored by the United Nations.

Colonel Dayan is reported to be holding a mandate from the Israel Government to make a peace settlement. Some observers here are considering the possibility that the Jews may be trying hard to reach a settlement with Transjordan and thus drive a wedge in the Arab League.

Nothing was known in Tel Aviv tonight about the arrival of the United Nations Conciliation Commission appointed yesterday. The establishment of the Commission was greeted with cautious satisfaction in Israeli Government quarters here.

## Pilgrimage Possible

Informed quarters in Tel Aviv said tonight that the Jewish and Arab commanders in Jerusalem today agreed to open one road to Bethlehem, now in Arab hands.

The vote was 35 to 15 with eight abstentions.

Dr. Herbert V. Evatt of Australia, the Assembly President, announced that the resolution calling for the commission was approved by more than the required two third vote.

His announcement was greeted with loud applause.

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## Madame Chiang Goes To Church

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In the meantime, diplomatic officials insisted again that the United States would avoid any interference in China's internal affairs during the present crisis.

This hands-off attitude reaffirms American support of the American-British-Russian agreement on China signed at Moscow three years ago. At that time, the then Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes, pledged the United States to a policy of "non-interference."

#### Sympathetic

Madame Chiang has thus far conferred once with President Truman and twice with the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, at whose home she is staying. She said after each conference with Mr. Marshall that she felt encouraged.

She had no comment after talking with the President, but the White House and Mr. Truman had given her sympathetic audience. According to reliable sources, that added up to a polite rebuff and apparently left a public appeal for aid as Madame Chiang's last recourse. China's first lady showed no visible evidence at the church service that her mission had been futile. She was greeted by the pastor, Dr. Frederick Brown Harris. The flag of China had a place of honour in the chancel as a symbol of what Dr. Harris called "the enduring bond between her country and ours."

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#### Patient Sacrifice

Dr. Harris told his congregation today that it was not the custom of his Church to make

reference to national or world leaders who may be present at its services. However, he added, an exception would be made for Madame Chiang.

"We meet Madame Chiang Kai-shek with pride in the patient sacrifice of her nation and with deepest sympathy in the present struggle which is rending that already torn and tortured land."

The same sinister system which threatens China is reaching out to control Asia, is plotting the final overthrow of every national government of the people, by the people, for the people.

"We remember that during the dark days of the war, when China was offered advantageous terms if she forsook the Western democracies, and the White House and Mr. Truman had given her sympathetic audience. According to reliable sources, that added up to a polite rebuff and apparently left a public appeal for aid as Madame Chiang's last recourse."

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#### MISLED ALLIES

Innsbruck, December 12. Seven former Luftwaffe officers, a general and six colonels were sentenced to imprisonment of up to six weeks today for misleading the Allied authorities.

They were arrested by the Austrian police after crossing the Bavarian-Austrian border with forged papers; it was stated at the French military court for the Tyrol.

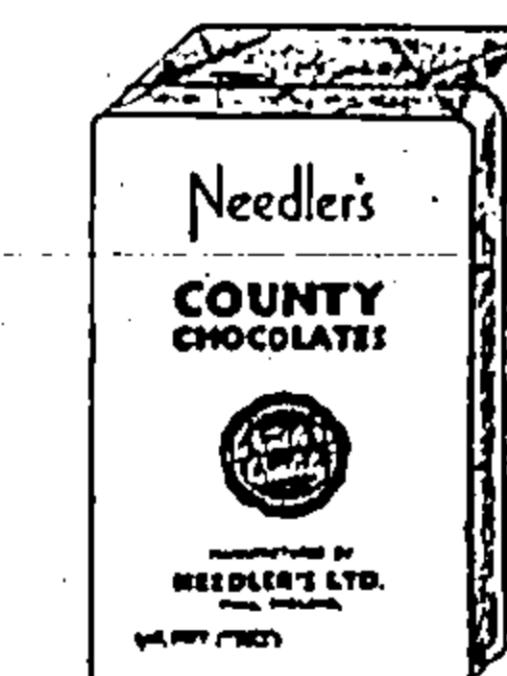
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## HOW RED ARE THE CHINA COMMUNISTS?

By John Roderick.

Biruit, December 13. Who are the Chinese Communists? What is their aim? Who are their leaders? Are they tied closely to Russia?

Though they control an area nearly as large as

Europe, little is known of them.

they call "other liberal parties" as partners.

In internal policies, the Chinese Communists say they are independent of Russia and have cut ties with Moscow over the line to follow.

Mao first broke with Prime Minister Stalin in the early 1930s. Mao refused to base his revolution on workers, and turned instead to peasants. Though he put many farm reforms into practice, the programme is without question imbued with the Communist doctrine of Stalin and Lenin.

The party's avowed intent, however, is to reach Communism by gradual stages, passing first through phases of capitalism to

#### Mao Tso-tung

The brain behind this large design was the political bureau of the Party's Central Committee, headed by Chairman Mao Tso-tung. It made its orders known by radio, by courier and by indoctrination.

I first met Mao at the airfield the Communists built to accommodate American planes during the war against Japan. He is a big man, combining dignity with a curious softness. His massive head, set on sloping shoulders, is topped by a mass of straight black hair.

His face is waxlike in its whiteness. He rarely smiles. His ordinary dress is simple; often the patched jacket and trousers of the Shensi peasant. He easily is the dominant personality in the company of extraordinary individuals.

During the weeks which followed, I talked often with Mao and other Communist leaders. They affirmed and re-affirmed that their chief goal was participation in a coalition Government for all China.

#### Brook With Stalin

This appears to be their aim today, except that the Communists formerly were willing to share power with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the Nationalist Kuomintang party he heads. Now they are intent upon destroying both. Their avowed object now is to rule with what

militarily, however, there is little known evidence that the Soviets have contributed very heavily to the Chinese Communists, except for a quantity of Japanese arms the Russians left behind when they quit Manchuria. This is not to say that, should future needs arise, the Soviets would hesitate to come to their assistance.

#### Albania A Model

Should the Communists take over the government, there is a prospect for a period of co-operation with the Western Democracies as well as with Russia.

This might approximate the recent history of Albania, which first welcomed American representatives and treated them with courtesy. The hard fact of Albania's government was that Russia stepped in and Albania, backed by her mighty patron, got tough.

Whether the Chinese Communists would follow such a line is a question to which Washington and other anti-Communist capitals would like the answer. They don't know.—Associated Press.

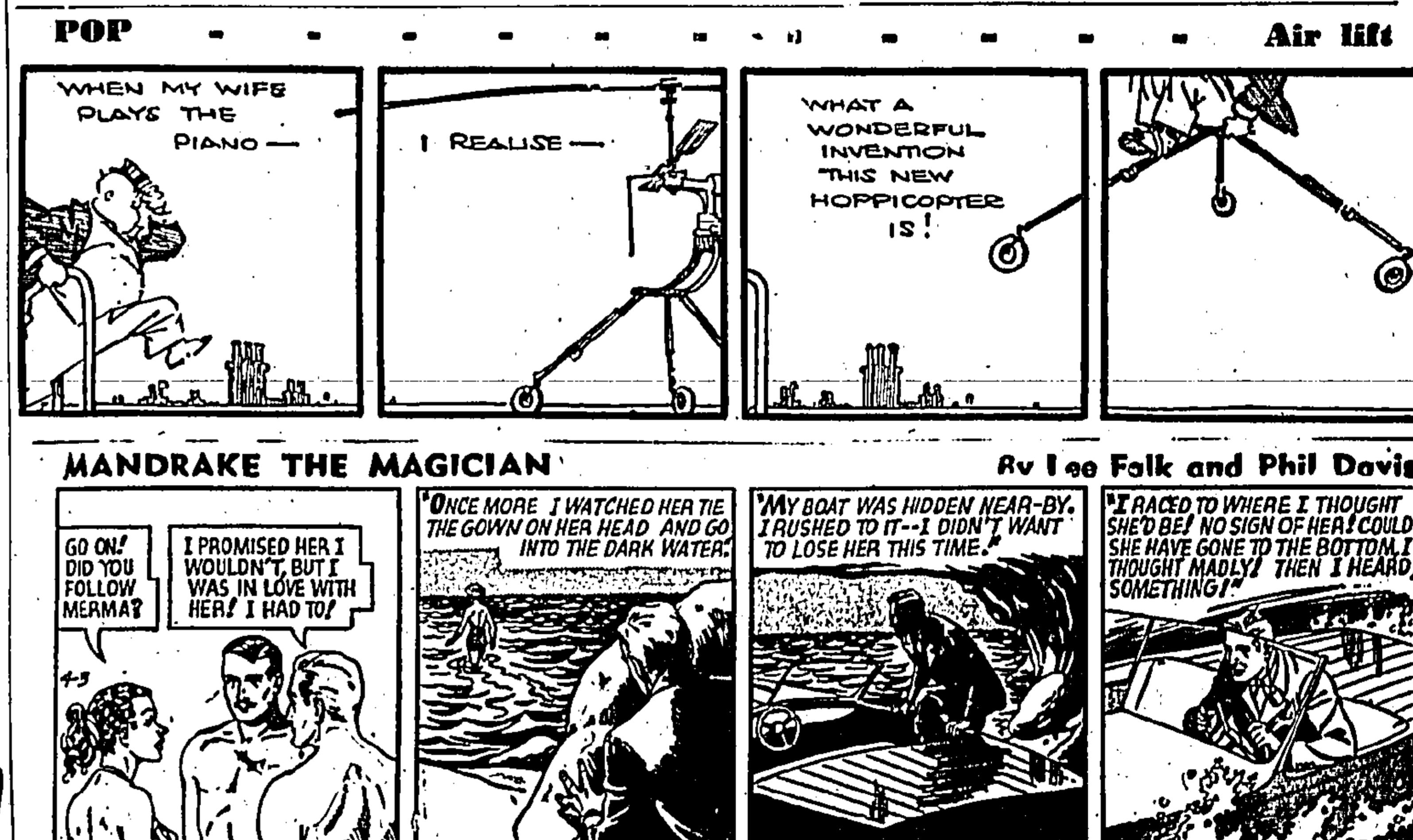
## JAP PRINCE MAKES APPEAL

Tokyo, December 12. Prince Takamatsu, the younger brother of Emperor Hirohito, said today that he did not believe the Emperor would abdicate or accept the Catholic faith as was recently rumoured.

The Prince appealed to Australians to co-operate with Japan in its advance towards democracy. Unless Australia and the other countries similarly placed were prepared to accept the provisions of the new Japanese constitution, the progress for Japan would be difficult, he said.

Takamatsu added that Japan would at the same time hope to do its part to prove itself worthy of Australian consideration.—Reuter.

#### Air lift



By ALEX RAYMOND

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TRUTH OR SPOOF?

## RUSSIAN TROOPS IN BERLIN DO NOT LOOK LIKE BATTLE HEROES

By Robert Musel

Berlin, December 12.

Since Russia fooled the world by using her second-string army in the Finnish war of 1939, people have been chary of criticising Marshal Stalin's military machine.

This correspondent is no exception. But for the last few days he has been walking through the Soviet sector of this partitioned city, goggling at men and officers who seem to bear no relation to the almost legendary heroes who triumphed over the German Wehrmacht.

Most newspapermen who have seen the Russians here at close range have about the same opinion. If the shabby troops in this Western outpost of Russia are the pick of Stalin's men—as they are sometimes said to be—it raises the interesting question of what sort of troops are stationed closer to Moscow where the West can not see them. But there again, Marshal Stalin may be trying to fool the West.

**Urgent Business**  
The flower of his forces may have been withdrawn to the hilt, to be replaced by men and boys—mostly the latter—one sees trudging through the streets of their sector, in worn grey-blue overcoats and never looking very happy in daylight, I have yet to see one of them smile.

They ride stiffly in little automobiles or march along as though bound on urgent business, without friendly curiosity for Americans, British or French.

The American military intelligence suspects that the Russian troops are not as well fed or billeted as their wartime allies and that bathing facilities certainly are more limited too.

Most Americans who deal directly with the Russians say they are not such bad fellows when you get to know them and they have real respect for some of the Soviet officers. Of the Russian rank and file, one American officer said, "They're not so much individually, but there's so darn many of them."

**Reports Exaggerate**  
Occasionally Russians wander into the Anglo-American sectors in search of favorability and sometimes American and British Military Police have to spank them when the celebrating gets too violent and send them back home.

### SOUTH AFRICAN CRISIS

Pretoria, December 12.  
The leader of the Afrikaner Party, Nicolas Havenga, was quoted tonight as saying: "I will not make a break with the Nationalist Party and I will not ask my Party to do so."

Havenga, who is the Minister of Finance, is reported to have made the statement after a private meeting of the Afrikaner Party for his majority support in Parliament.—Reuter.

Mr. Barkley and President Truman are firmly committed to the civil rights section in the Democratic platform which split the party in the November election. But some Southern Democrats have taken heart in the fact that Barkley said recently that he did not like the word "compromise" when speaking of legislation.

He preferred the word "adjustment." They are clinging to the faint hope that the form of civil rights legislation could be "adjusted" to meet the constitutional argument they always have made about poll tax and lynching bills.

Some Southern Senators have said they would filibuster on racial legislation if certain "adjustments" can be made. One

## CZECH-SOVIET TEXTILE DEAL

Prague, December 12.  
M. Ludvik Kallin, director of the Czech State textile combine, today announced a 4,000 million crown (£22,500,000) textile deal with the Soviet Union—the biggest single deal in the history of Czechoslovak foreign trade.

The Soviet Union will supply 15,000 tons of raw cotton and will receive 8,000 to 10,000 tons of finished textile products from Czechoslovakia in payment.

Russia will also furnish 1,500 tons of wool, 300 tons of camel hair, 500 tons of flax fibre, 150 tons of jute, 60 tons of animal hair and 50 million crowns worth of skins for hat-making.

Prague newspapers today emphasized that the present Soviet-Czech talks in Moscow were taking place on the fifth anniversary of the signing of the Soviet-Czech friendship pact of 1943 and predicted new steps to reinforce the friendship of the two countries.—Reuter.

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Paris, December 12.

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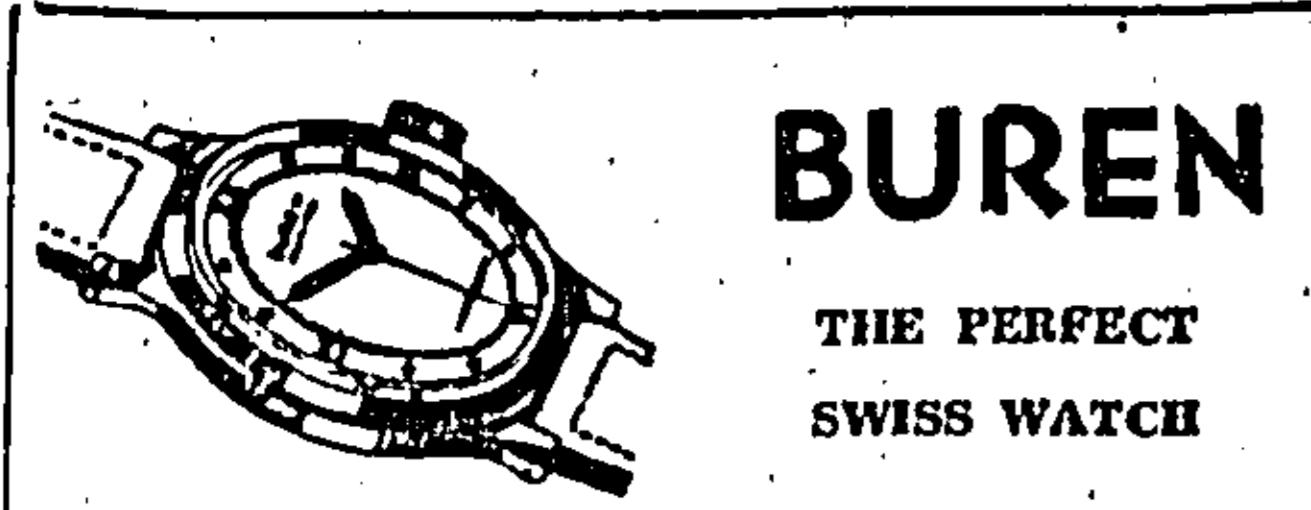
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HONG KONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1948.

## VRC TOPPLES CANADIANS IN SOFTBALL ENCOUNTER

(By "GRANDSTAND")

VRC toppled the Canadians from their lofty perch as they shattered the Canucks' nine-game winning streak with a 13-10 triumph, featured by free-hitting on both sides.

The thrilling slug-fest which had fans from both camps yelling themselves hoarse was marred by an accident in the sixth inning which necessitated the removal of Canadian third-sacker George White to hospital.

### More Births Than Deaths

Births outnumbered deaths by more than five to one during the week ended December 4. It was officially stated yesterday.

Total births were 1,102 against 211 deaths from all causes, including 29 from tuberculosis, three from diphtheria and one from enteric fever.

There were more births on the Island than on the Mainland, the figures being 501 and 477 respectively, and 64 in the New Territories.

During the same period 109 cases of tuberculosis, seven each of diphtheria and enteric fever, four of measles, three of dysentery and one each of chickenpox and whooping cough, were registered.

The unfortunate incident took place as White was receiving a throw from the catcher, in an attempt to tag Gerry Roza-Pereira stealing from second base.

The ball and Roza-Pereira reached third base simultaneously with George White in between, and after the clash it was found that White's right foot was fractured.

In the other Senior League games, the American Clubbers returned to form to defeat Rhials 21-16 in a high-scoring game. Madcaps downed Chung Hwa 12-1 after five innings of play.

Black Hawks did not have the breaks in their favour this week and succumbed to Mohawks 4-1, while Rexes were unable to find a side and forfeited the game to Jaguars in the Junior Loop.

In the Ladies Loop, the Pirates put up a fight against the Wildcats in the first frame when they chalked up three runs, but were held scoreless for the remainder of the game to lose by 13-3.

### Avert Shut-Out

Jaguars averted a whitewash at the hands of the White-Blanks by notching up one counter in the final frame after two down. The exhibition still ended 21-1 in favour of the Pangs.

Charlie Figueredo's Victorians found Canuck hurler Kassa Nazarita's upshots much to their liking as they biffed the Maple Leaf moundsman for 10 safe blows which included two-baggers by Alvaro Xavier and Gerry Roza-Pereira.

Except for the first inning, winning pitcher Joey Franco hurled steady ball and only walked four while fanning two. In the initial frame Joey was nicked for four safeties which included a triple by Bakar, and his wild heave after fielding Junior Marlar's bunt contributed to a cluster of five Canuck runs to set the Maple Leaf outfit into a high-spirited start.

The Victorians came back in their half of the first chapter by bunching three blows aided by Gerry Roza-Pereira's sacrifice bunt one out of the park that was foul. A few feet inside and he would have been credited with a four run Homer as the bases were brimming with Aquanders.

### Scoreless Second

The second frame passed quickly as both sides were retired without any hits or runs. In the third the Canucks managed to get a runner on base as Robbing stroke to first on "four balls", but Tizian Ismail popped out while Tiger Hussain fanned the breeze to end the chapter.

The Victorians added another in their half on Alex Azedo's single over the key-stone and scored standing up as Bill Woo in the windy-alevy let Lanky Hyndman's grass-cutter get by him.

The Maple Leaf outfit was again blanked in the fourth while the VRC outfit surged forward with another three-run uprising.

The Canucks could only produce one run in the fifth, but started off the sixth with a rally as Tiger Hussain singled and Bill Woo drew a walk. Nazaria popped out for the first outburst, but George White singled and the sacks were loaded.

Luke Bunn failed to come through with a safety and fled out to short for the second out. Canuck hopes were still high as Big Boy Bakar strode up to the platter with his wicked bludgeon, but all Bakar could do was to rasp out a grounder to second which Gus Pereira fielded neatly, force up Marlar at second base, to end the rally.

### Makes Sure

Menor Charlie Figueredo made sure of things as he sent his Victorians half of a hitting spree in their half of the sixth and notched up three more markers with none away. As the seventh and last semester came up, the Canucks trailed behind 13-7.

Don Robbie received a life on Alex Azedo's fumble while Ismail drew a pass to first. Tiger Hussain came through with his second hit of the day and slimmed the lead by one run.

A passed ball helped by Bill Woo's rasping grounder drove in another Canuck run. Nazaria grounded out for the second out, but George Lee pinch-hitting for George White knocked out a single and pilfered second.

Travelling with them are more than 60 tons of military stores. Both the soldiers and the stores are in transit, the company declared.

The court fixed the afternoon of January 3 for hearing of the case. Defendant is on bail of \$1,000.

The date of her departure is still unknown.

### Description Of Local Paper Chase

(Contributed)

The first Paper Chase organised by the newly constituted Polo and Hunt Club took place on Sunday. The race was at the Officers' Mess 2/10 Gurkha Rifles San Wai, who were very kindly "at home", and most horsemen partook of a little jumping powder before facing the hazards of the chase.

"Hounds" finally moved off at 11.30 and 17 horsemen dashed across the old San Wai Racecourse rather like a herd of buffalo.

Captain Carr quickly picked up the line and, encouraged by Master's horn, the field dashed towards the road. Here there was a check, the line being picked up again opposite San Wai Tsuen. From there we ran to Lo Tsui, over a tricky bit of country swinging left behind hillside Lung Kok Wai. By now the field had thinned out a bit and there had been some grief but no serious injury.

Onward we went to Queen's Hill where the whole field was cleverly foiled by the "fox" running a false line for some distance.

Recovering, the line "hounds" ran fast behind Fu Ti Pat, crossed the R. Chenab and then over the road in the direction of low Hill.

Again "hounds" were at fault and the line was finally recovered by the Carrs. The "fox" took the followers past the old Stables and so, appropriately, to ground in the San Wai Officers' Mess.

As was to be expected, there was a good deal of grief but nothing serious, although Fiona Anderson had the bad luck to fall on the road and lame her horse rather badly.

The most encouraging feature of the meet was the enthusiasm both of those mounted and those unmounted. What is needed now is more horses, since we cannot meet the demands for mounts.

Anyone willing to give or sell a pony to the Club should contact:

Miss M. De Burgh Morris, 2, Kadoorie Avenue, Kowloon. Tel. 57192.

Applications for mounts should also be made to the same person. The next two meets are:

December 19, 11.30 p.m. Dills Corner.

December 26, 12 noon. Bee's Stables.

### Wah Yan Alumni Hold Meet

Wah Yan Past Students' Association held its 11th annual general meeting in King's Building on Saturday.

A report of the year's activities and a statement of accounts were made by the secretary, Mr. Wong Chin-wah, and the treasurer, Mr. Kwan Man-wai.

The election results proved a great vote of appreciation and of confidence in the Council of 1948 which was re-elected almost to a man.

The result of the elections follows: president: Mr. Ko Fook-sun; vice-president: Mr. Lim How-ping; secretary: Mr. Wong Chin-wah, treasurer: Mr. Kwan Man-wai.

The names of the councillors are Messrs. Chan Kam-to, Cheung Chi-kwong, Chow Pak-hang, Lam King-fun, Lo Ka-hing, Reggie Sia, Wong Chung-ang and Yu Ping-chung.

As a gesture of appreciation of his kindness and ready assistance, the Reverend Fr. E. Bourke was unanimously elected honorary president of the Association.

### SECRECY SHRODS SOLDIERS' ARRIVAL

Deep secrecy shrouds the arrival here yesterday of 13 Chinese Nationalist soldiers from Canton by the Chinese vessel Tien Shan.

The Chinu Merchants' S.N. Company, owners of the vessel, deny the "China Mail" that the movement of the soldiers is military secret. They declined to specify the rank or destination of the soldiers.

Travelling with them are more than 60 tons of military stores. Both the soldiers and the stores are in transit, the company declared.

In the American Club's victory over Khalsas, the Clubbers returned 18 safe hits while Khalsas connected only nine times. The return of Clubber Nelson behind the batter seems to have injected new life into the fading Americans.

## Draw For F.A. Cup Third Round

London, December 13. Draw for the third round of the Football Association Cup matches to be played on January 8—with replays the following Saturday—was made today in London, as follows:

Birmingham	v	Leicester	v	West Ham
Portsmouth	v	Stockport	v	Charlton
Gateshead	v	Aldershot	v	Newcastle
Preston	v	Mansfield	v	Bradford
Derby	v	Sport or York	v	Crewe
Brentford	v	Middleastro	v	Sunderland
			v	Notts F.
			v	Liverpool
			v	Torquay
			v	Coventry
			v	Swindon
			v	Stoke
			v	Walsall
			v	Blackburn
			v	Reading or Hull
			v	Yeovil
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			v	Wolves
			v	Chesterfield
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			v	Southampton
			v	Oldham
			v	Cardiff
			v	Lincoln
			v	Bolton
			v	Reuter.

## "No Foul" Rule Becomes Controversy In Britain

London, December 12. A controversy similar to that which raged nearly 20 years ago and resulted in the United States introducing the "no foul" rule has been provoked by the disputed disqualification of the American heavyweight, Lee Savold, in his recent fight with Bruce Woodcock, the British champion.

Boxing critics and "fans" both in England and the United States are now urging the British Boxing Board of Control to introduce the rule before the public lose all interest in boxing.

American sports writers, pointing out that American boxers will hesitate before risking their reputations in Britain, are propounding the introduction of the rule in British boxing.

Contrary to expectations, the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club will not be able to send Rowing Crews to Saigon to compete in the Regatta being held at that port on Saturday next.

The Club had hoped to send representatives, but the majority of its members are employed in commercial firms and were unable to get away at this busy time of the year.

Arrangements had tentatively been made for Squadron Leader N. M. W. Harris and Captain W. Bull, RA, to represent the Club at Saigon, but "Exercise Fulmar" interfered considerably with the arrangements and the Club's officers were unable to put it into effect.

The Board are unlikely to be put into action, and the Stewards are not expected to call a meeting to discuss the introduction or otherwise of the rule in Britain.

This question has been discussed on many previous occasions and has always been turned down flatly by the Stewards on the ground that boxing in Britain is still a sport and not a business as it is in the United States," said Mr. Charles F. Donnall, the Board's Secretary.

Giving his personal opinion, Mr. Robert Bruce, the British Council representative in Hong Kong who opened the exhibition, said the pictures represented works of skill and close observation, and very much in the tradition of Europe.

A senior official of the Chinese section of the Kowloon-Canton line is expected to arrive in Hong Kong today for further talks on the subject.

Modern arms and equipment will be provided for the Force.

Questioned yesterday, a Government spokesman said there was no information.

The strength of the Volunteer Defence Corps before the war was about 2,000.

Official information on the proposed strength of the new Force was not available yesterday.

### Discussions On Train Service

### MR. CARTER WINS GOLF HONOURS

The final of the Golf Championship, played at Fanling on Sunday, was won by Mr. G. G. D. Carter who beat Mr. Robb by six and five in the 36 hole final.

The match produced some very fine golf. Carter was 125 for the 36 holes played. Mr. Robb too played right down to his handicap and had been receiving his normal strokes the match would have been all square when the 36th hole had been completed.

The bogey pool was won by Mr. S. S. Gordon with a score of All Square.

Starting times for the "Over" and "Under" 45 match to be played next Sunday.

### NO DATE YET FOR REFEREES' DINNER

The Referees' Association meeting held last night at Prince's Building was attended by only seven referees.

The Chairman of the Association, Mr. A. E. P. Guest, and the Hon. Secretary Mr. F. Silva were both absent.

Mr. J. Panney took over the chair and Mr. Gaffney acted as Secretary.

In fixing a date of their annual dinner, Mr. Panney said it was unwise with so few members present to decide a date, and it was agreed that the matter should be discussed at their next meeting which will be held on January 3, 1949.

### HOCKEY MEETING ON WEDNESDAY

A meeting of the Hong Kong Hockey Association will take place at the Board Room of the South China Morning Post on Wednesday, at 5.30 p.m.

The main item on the Agenda will be to elect representatives for the International Hockey Tournament and also to fix a date for the interport match with Macao.

All Secretaries are requested to attend.

### FILIPINO GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM

The players representing the girls for the Philippine Team at the International Softball Series are: Josefa Timpo, Diana Xavier, Betty Liang, Rosa Timpo, Elite Babida, Alej Mendoza, Sonia Collaco, Cecile Arnulphy, Lily Ken, Graciela Collaco, Marilou Louise Arnulphy, Theresa Chui, Celisa Lujan, and Teresa Botelho.

Misses Diesta and Malig will be the manager and coach respectively.

"Just because I date on du Maurier Show me the woman who doesn't respond to the luxuries of life!"

"Accused: I don't mind."

DI Hunter said that the prosecution would like to have the case heard at the earliest possible date.